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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR ACTIVITIES; PRIME MINISTER
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1. SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR. SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR ANWAR HABIB REPORTEDLY PROVIDED PEOPLES ASSEMBLY JUNE 12 WITH LIST OF ADDITIONAL EIGHT INDIVIDUALS EFFECTED BY RECENTLY ENACTED LEGISLATION BANNING PRE-1952 "CORRUPT" POLITICIANS, INCLUDING ONE EX-PM, TWO EX-FINMIN, TWO EX-INTMIN AND OTHERS. NONE OF THOSE LISTED APPEAR TO BE ENGAGED IN CURRENT POLITICS; NOR HAS ANY GIVEN RECENT INDICATION OF DESIRE AGAIN ENTER FRAY. SEVEN WERE MEMBERS OF OLD WAFD PARTY. AT LEAST ONE, ABDUL GALIL AL AMARI, WAS REHABILITATED AND HELD OFFICE UNDER NASSER. INTENT OF LISTING APPEARS TO BE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SARAGEDDIN AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN "NEW WAFD" WERE NOT SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT.

2. HAYKAL. PRESS REPORTS HAYKAL'S INTERROGATION JUNE 14 WILL BE CONDUCTED PERSONALLY BY SOCIALIST PRO-
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SECUTOR. HAYKAL TO BE REPRESENTED BY NOTED LAWYER (AND MP) MUNTAZ NASSAR; BAR ASSOCIATION EXPECTED SEND OBSERVER.

3. PRIME MINISTER'S ACTIVITIES. FOLLOWING UP SLUM TOUR (REFTEL), PM JUNE 12 INSPECTED NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITIES. INSPECTION PROMINENTLY REPORTED ON TV AND IN

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PRESS. SALEM FOUND MUCH TO INSPECT: NOTARY PUBLIC OFFICE TERMED "CHAOTIC" (TV SHOWED FILES STACKED TO CEILING); WATER AND TELEPHONE SERVICES DEFICIENT; AND BAKERY UNHYGIENIC. PRIME MINISTER TOOK UMBRAGE OVER LARGE AMOUNTS OF GARBAGE, DIRT AND FLIES IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO BAKING ESTABLISHMENT. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR AREA FIRED ON SPOT AND LEGAL INVESTIGATION OPENED.

4. COMMENT: SALEM, IN TWO VISITS, HAS BEEN ADDRESSING ISSUES OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO CAIRO'S URBAN POPULATION. IT CLEAR PM'S ATTENTION TO URBAN DEFICIENCIE IS OUTGROWTH OF RECENT POPULAR DISCONTENT. INSPECTIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH TV COVERAGE, ARE UNUSUAL AND, IF FOLLOWED UP, REPRESENT USEFUL FIRST STEP IN CHANGING GOE' IMAGE WITH ITS OWN CITIZENS. EILTS

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